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REMARKS

This case has been reviewed and analyzed in view of the Official Action dated 13 December 2005. Responsive to the rejections made in the Office Action, Claims 1 and 7 have been amended to clarify the combination of elements that form the invention of the Subject Patent Application, and Claims 6 and 8 have been amended to change the dependency thereof. Additionally, Claims 5 and 9 have been cancelled by this Amendment.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by Zapach et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,842,514. Further, Claims 2, 3, 4, and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Zapach et al. in view of Lin, U.S. Patent No. 6,903,936 (since Claim 6 is dependent on Claim 5, which is considered to contain allowable subject matter, it is believed that the designation of Claim 6 as rejected was made in error). However, the Examiner kindly indicated that Claims 5, 7 and 8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.


Accordingly, Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of Claim 5 therein. Thus, Claim 5 has effectively been placed in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim, Claim 1, and any intervening claims, which there were none. Thus, Claim 1 and the claims dependant thereon should now be allowable. Claim 7 has been amended to incorporate the

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limitations of original Claim 1 therein, thereby placing Claim 7 in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim, Claim 1, and any intervening claims, which there were none. Therefore, Claim 7 should now be allowable.

It is now believed that the subject patent application has been placed in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

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